GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4145
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ILLEGAL EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned `Entrepreneurs` run illegal exchanges, rob MTNL` appearing in the Indian Express dated May 21, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether some employees of MTNL were also found involved in this fraud;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the persons involved in this fraud?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 3 cases of illegal exchanges (EPABX) have come to notice. Action against them, namely, M/s Shree Jee Communications, Chawri Bazar, M/s Kesho Ram & sons Pvt. Ltd., Chandni Chowk and M/s Sawera Communication, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh have beer taken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(e) Two private persons were arrested by Delhi Police.